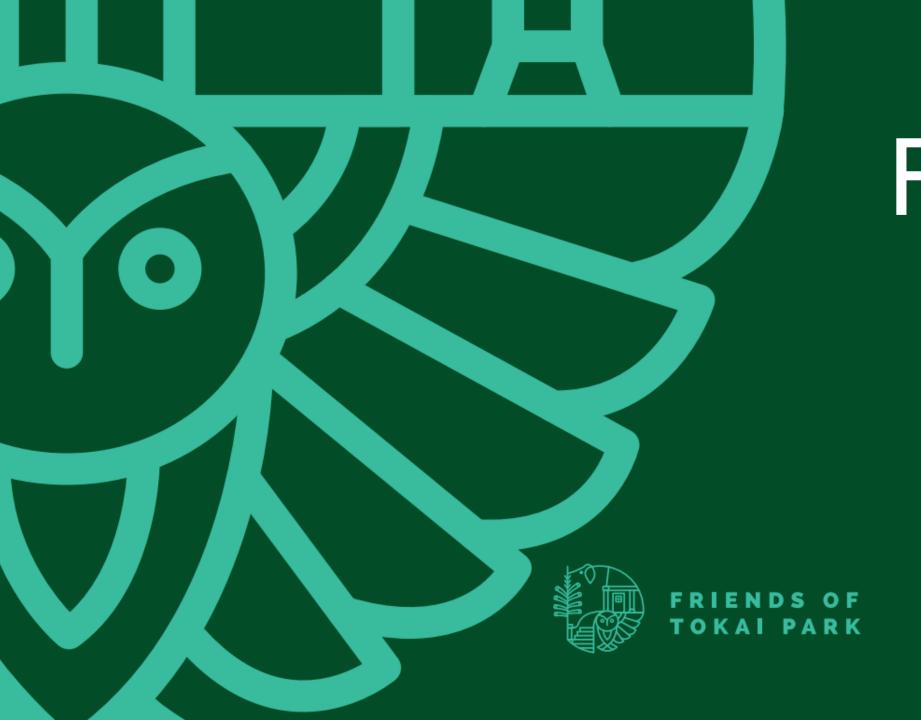
Friends of Tokai Park Annual General Meeting

25 March 2021, Zoom





Friends Tokai Park

Opening notes: Who are the FOTP?





FRIENDS OF TOKAI PARK

Our Vision

Biodiversity • Community • Heritage • Safety

Our goal is to conserve our natural plant and animal life at Tokai Park while promoting the park as a recreational gateway to our greatest natural asset and internationally-renowned World Heritage Site, Table Mountain National Park.



Whorl Heath (Erica verticillata)

Driven to extinction in the wild by ubarnisation, Whorl Heath is a flagship species of biodiversity and Fynbos restoration and was rediscovered and reintroduced to Tokai and other parts of the Cape Peninsula. **Photo Di Turner**.



Tokai Farmhouse

Subsequently renamed Tokai Manor, the farmhouse at Tokai has seen centuries of African and European culture come and go, bequeathing us a legacy of Cape Dutch architecture, wine farming, slavery, afforestation and urbanisation. At the centre of our community, it attests – through oft-competing historical narratives – to a cultural brio informed as much by superstition and oversimplification as by our rich and varied history. Photo Wikimedia



Elephant's Eye Cave

The elephantine southern flank of the historical Prinskasteel (now Constantiaberg), of which Elephant's Eye cave is a geological feature, watches over the Fynbos-bedecked eastern Cape Peninsula lowlands, an essential part of our heritage.



Spotted Eagle Owl

A symbol of safety, combining alert watchfulness with an ability to survive in the wild and in human-dominated environments. **Photo Andre Marais**

Opening notes: 2021 and the UN Decade on Ecological Restoration



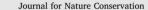
"One of the biggest threats to conservation in the world, South Africa and in this case in Cape Town is public opinion. Biodiversity and the environment are often at odds with human interests. Whether it is resources such as rain forests, oil, habitable land, water resources, minerals, it is humans that prevail at the expense of the environment. In Cape Town there is an ever-increasing human population and pressure on land for housing primarily on the lowlands where CFSF is limited to its last 11%.

One of the three most significant and richest remaining conservation parcels is Kenilworth which is privately owned and subject to increasing pressure to be developed. Standard legal environmental processes are being overridden by politicians in conflict with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation to which South Africa is a signatory.

Tokai is the other area where CFSF can survive but a significant pressure group is lobbying for the area to remain under pine plantation to satisfy their understanding of conservation and personal needs. These two areas may be the last chance in Cape Town to make significant contributions to saving the remnants of CFSF. Therefore, Target 14: 'The importance of plant diversity and the need for its conservation incorporated into communication, education and public awareness programmes' may be the most important of conservation targets of the GSPC."



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Lessons learned as Erica turgida is returned

Anthony Hitchcock^{a,1}, Jenny Williams^b, Carly Cowell^c



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ABSTRACT

Erica negrida, a small unassuming pink bushy heath species was listed as 'Extinct in the Wild' in 1996. It was last less eni habitat at Kemilworth Raccourse by South African botanist, Rise Esterbuisen who made an herbarium collection and gave material of propagation to Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. It once occurred in small patches on the lowlands around the city of Cape Town now commonly known as the Cape Plats. However, colonial agricultural settlements, and more recently industrial development and urban expansion, have led to the decline and utilizate loss of this species in the wild. Erica negrida has since then been leapt from extinction by Kintenbosch horticulturists and the Millemium Seed Bank Project. Fortuitously, a secure collection was found in the collections of the Bedvelere Palace Garden in Vienna and returned to South Africa in 2001. In srelation of the Review of the





Agenda



Part 1

- 1. Welcome & housekeeping
- 2. Previous AGM minutes
- 3. Chairperson's report
- 4. Treasurer's report
- 5. Flection of office bearers
- 6. Motions to be put to the AGM
- 7. Matters arising
- 8. Save the date: upcoming FOTP events

Part 2

- 9. Guest Talk: Jenny Cullinan Wild Bees
- 10. Close & Thanks



Part 1: AGM



1. Welcome & Housekeeping



Welcome!

Attendance: Please write the full names of those participating in the chat so that we can have a full attendance list.

Apologies: Any apologies?

Membership

Mailing list

Zoom etiquette

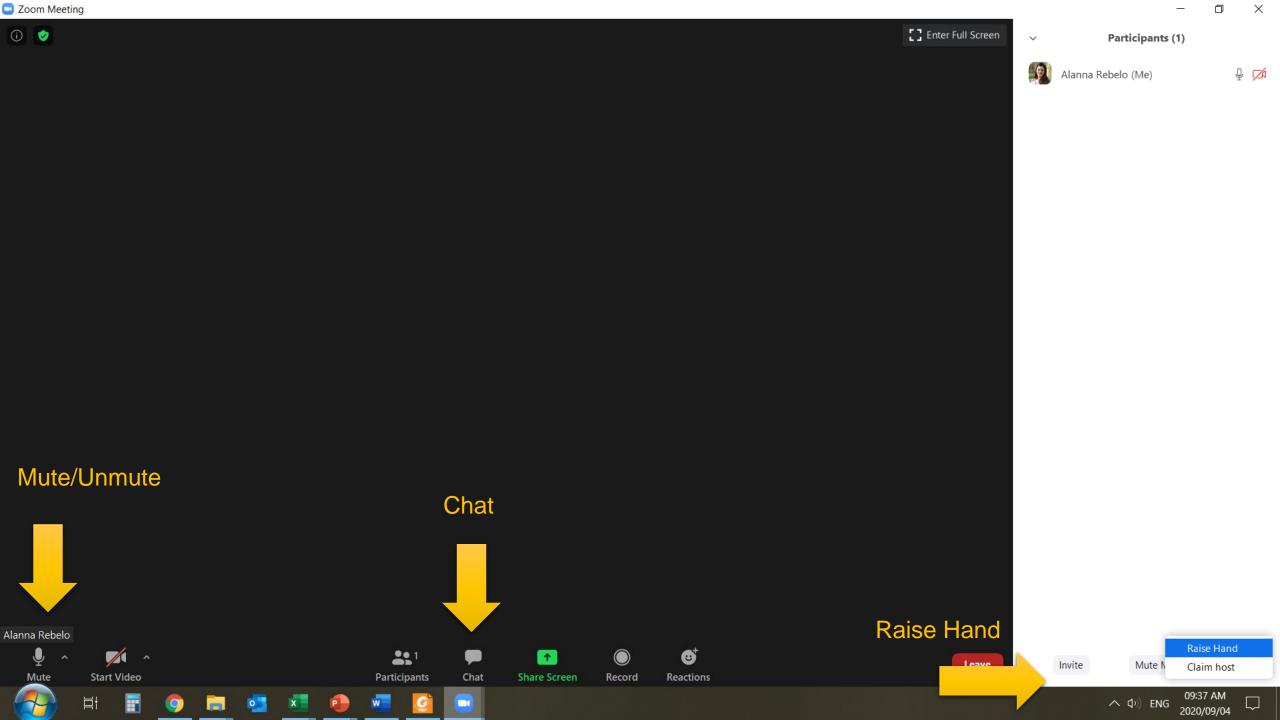
Please note we are recording this AGM.

Donations welcome!









2. Acceptance of previous AGM minutes



Our minutes are available on our website

Minutes: https://tokaipark.com/media/galleries/talks/

Chair Report: https://tokaipark.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/chairs-report-FoTP-2020.pdf

Any corrections/matters arising?

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:



- Chairperson's Report April 2019-August 2020

Sand Fynbos restoration at Tokai: What have we learned?



The minutes of this meeting will go up on our website later this week.







Dr Tony Rebelo

Chairperson















Take the City Nature Challenge





Cape Town

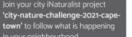
30 April-3 May 2021

Use the iNaturalist app to record as many plants and animals as you can find in your reserves, beaches, parks, schools and gardens.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

O Join iNaturalist:

- · A smartphone with a camera and GPS.
- · Internet connection to upload observations (at home, school, city reserves, city library).
- · To participate: install the app, sign up and get started!







https://www.inaturalist.org



- (2) Use your smartphone or camera to find wildlife and take a photograph.
- (3) Upload the observation and share it with the world.
- (4) Check back to see what people say about it.





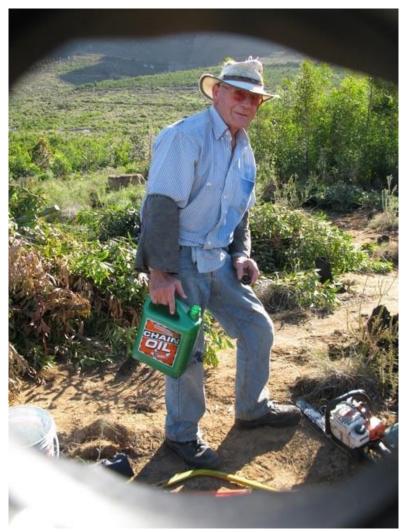








Chainsaw Crew







Tuesday Hacks, Saturday Hacks









Arboretum Hacks













History Research and Heritage Subcommittee





FOTP Book Drive

Thank you for your book donations!

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Fostered relationships improve partnership experience

Today, @TokaiPark donated Conservation books to the rangers based in the Tokai Field Office as part of their books library collection to assist rangers with in-depth knowledge and understanding of the fauna and flora.

3:38 PM - Cet 30, 2020 - Twitter Web App



Replying to @TableMountainNP

fauna and flora. Once again thank you Friends of Tokai Park we really appreciate your relationship with the park and keep up the good

#SANParks #LiveYourWild #TableMountainNationalPark #FriendsofTokaiPark

3:38 PM - Oct 30, 2020 - Twitter Web Apr





Elmonique Petersen - Section Ranger based in Tokai expressed her sincere gratitude on behalf of the staff and SANParks. She noted that the donation of books is a treasured archive and a valuable tool that staff can utilize to gain further knowledge across a broad spectrum of

Please see the heartfelt thanks from SANParks for the awesome field guides you donated! Thank you to all our amazing members that dropped off books for the SANParks rangers. It is great to have this partnership with SANParks.



Wildlife Quiz

26 November 2020 (45 people; 12 teams)

A huge thank you to Leila Mitrani for organizing this event to support FOTP.

Thank you to all who participated for helping us raise over R2000 for lowland fynbos conservation and restoration:)

Thank you to our sponsors!





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Our Team



Restoration Committee

The focus has been on Block A9 – the Prinskasteel Wetlands which is due for its burn in April (and was burned on 23 March).

Plantings will take place when the soils are moist enough for plant survival (usually July).

Volunteers are welcome!





Special events

Restoration planting in honour of Anthony Hitchcock – 4 Aug 2020



Spring Walk – 19 Sept 2020



Night Walks – 27 Oct, 3 Nov 2020







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Tokai Park's Eye in the Sky

Nicholas Coertze and Alanna Rebelo explain how FoTP's Sentinel-2 Web app allows us to monitor invasive-alle tree growth at Tokai Park Part 2 of 2.



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We review and comment on the City of Cape Town's as unique blodiversity



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The Road to Recover

as Coertze explans how advanced remote sensing technologies will enable us to monitor invasive aber if Tokai Park, Part 1 of 2



The 23 March 2021 fire at Prinskasteel Wetland Block 19A was a prescribed post-plantation clearing of slash and fuel for the restoration of the Fynbos. It had been postponed for several years by drought and, in 2020, by Covd-19. Photo Tony Rebelo

The Perfect Restoration Burn

SANParks' prescribed burn at Tokai Park's Prinskasteel Wetland Block A19, conducted in perfect conditions on 23 Marcxh 2021, proved an historical occasion.

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2019 Cape Town City Nature Challenge Photo:

The Amazing Nature Race

Jacques van der Menwe (zentre) from the City of Cape Town teaches young scholars about wildlife a Naturalist during the 2019 Cape Town City Nature Challenge Photo: Ismail Ebrahim The...

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Fynbos flair finds festive home

Neume Myazara (right) and colleagues from the Cape Town Environmental Education Trust (CTEET) cosbabasen into manning their stall at Sunday's Pyribos Festival. The babasen later claimed to have....

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Media

Constantiaberg Bulletin: 3 articles about FOTP, Cape Times: 1 article about FOTP, Cape Argus: one article by FOTP, News24: 1 on the nature of lockdown.

Constantiaberg Bulletin

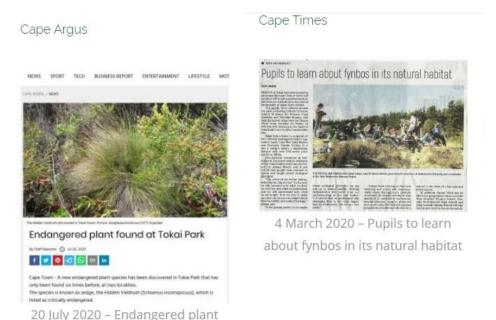




Fynbos



Newspapers





Social Media

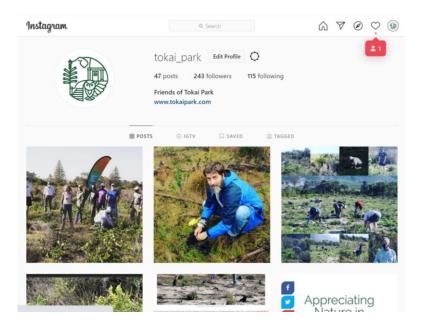
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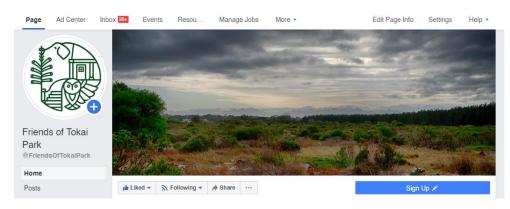
Facebook: 1975 likes, 2085 followers

Twitter: 52 followers

Instagram: 316 followers







We need help maintaining these, especially Twitter and Instagram, who can help?



Grant Applications

2020:

- CTEET Small Grant (Alanna Rebelo)
- British Ecological Society Outreach Grants (Alanna Rebelo)

2021:

- Izele Small Grant (Alanna Rebelo, Tony Rebelo)
- Submitted: SOS Rapid Action Grant (Leila Mitrani, Tony Rebelo, Alanna Rebelo)
- Submitted: British Ecological Society Outreach Grants (Zoe Poulsen & Alanna Rebelo)
- Unsuccessful: WESSA Grant

Tokai Biodiversity Gateway Project

Nature Week 9-13 March 2020

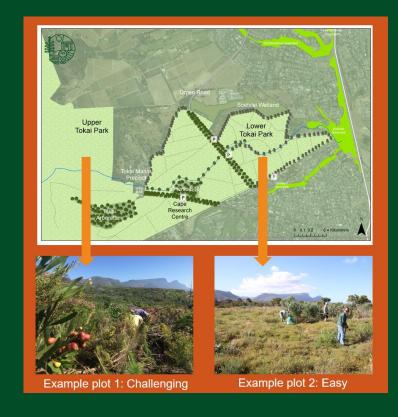




Fynbos Festival 15 March 2020

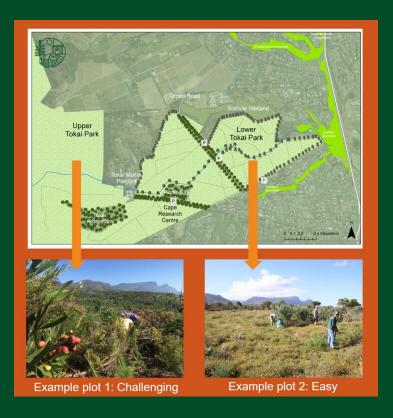


Adopt-a-Plot Initiative April 2020 onward



Izele Grant

Adopt-a-Plot Initiative 2021



Active Restoration June 2021



Media Campaign March-July 2021





Any questions?

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:

Request for Donations:



Would you like to get involved in the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**? Are you not able to volunteer time to join in our hacks, but really appreciate the work we are doing? If yes, please consider making a donation to one of our five programmes:

Programme 1: Alien Hacking - We need equipment for our volunteers to use, such as loppers, chainsaw blades, fuel etc. Target: R3000 (31 March 2021)

Programme 2: Active Restoration - We need special funding for alien clearing work in Block A9 (Prinskasteel) and A7 (Paintball), as well as growing plants for active rehabilitation. Target: R10 000 (30 April 2021)

Programme 3: Restoration Trail - The restoration trail is in need of a make-over. We need funding for signage refreshment, as well as to fix the boardwalk. **Target: R5000 (30 June 2021)**

Programme 4: Tokai Arboretum - We need funding for maintenance of paths, buildings, and the gardens. **Target: R10 000 (30 June 2021)**

Programme 5: Tokai Path Maintenance - We need funding to support path clearing as well as signage, which has become totally faded. Target: R5000 (30 June 2021)

Request for Donations:



Do you like what you see?

Request for donations



BANK DETAILS

Friends of Tokai Park Standard Bank Blue Route Savings Account 27 629 2669

WESSA Affiliation: MB1240127 PBO Tax Exemption #: 930066728 Donate to our conservation efforts with one snap!



PBO Exemption Reference Number: 930066728

4. Treasurer's report





Jay Cowen

4. Treasurer's report



FRIENDS OF TOKAI PARK

CASH FLOW FOR YEAR: 1st March 2020- -- 28th February 2021

Thank you for those who generously donated to us in 2020!



Funds brought forward from prior year end 29th Feb '20: R52 092

INCOME:	
Donations	3 389
Snapscan	541
BDG project income	3 860
CTEET grant	11 204
Izele grant	22 000
Quiz event	2 000
Interest	6 <u>43 000</u>

EXPENDITURE:	
BDG project expenses	53 370
Izele contractor paid	10 000
Website cost	8 260
Bank charges	290
Hacking expenses	1 228
Printing	242
Zoom meeting costs	600(<u>73 990</u>)

NET EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD = (30 990)

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD = R21 102

Funds at Standard Bank: R20 926

Cash float - Jay

176

Total funds held = at year end

R21 102

4. Treasurer's report



Any questions?

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:

5. Election of office bearers



Current



Our Team

Meet our committee



Dr Tony Rebelo

Chairperson



Dr Alanna Rebelo Secretary



Jeremy Gilmore

Committee Member - Youth



Mike Hyde

Committee Member



Jay Cowen
Treasurer



Mike Golby

Committee Member



Vard Aman

We are looking for more team members to join our committee! If you have a passion for lowland Fynbos conservation in general, and Tokai in particular, please contact us.

5. Election of office bearers



Outgoing

None.

5. Election of office bearers



Incoming

We are delighted to welcome **Leila Mitrani** as a new proposed member of our committee

Leila Mitrani has lived in Tokai for the last 3 years. She has had a varied career with a Masters in Botany from UCT, 3 years in public health research and is currently doing property management and GIS consulting. She is passionate about conservation, believes in looking after what's on your doorstep and is interested in ecosystem restoration and urban conservation.

Accepted

Proposer: Alanna Rebelo Seconder: Vard Aman





Proposed changes to the FOTP constitution:

(8) Management of FOTP

Previous: 8.8 The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary shall serve in that capacity no more than two (2)

consecutive terms.

Proposed: 8.8 The term of office for each elected committee member shall be for a period of two (2) years,

after which they shall be eligible for re-election for further terms of two (2) years each. The

principle of rotation of committee Members is supported by FOTP.

Any questions?

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:



Proposed changes to the FOTP constitution:

(8) Management of FOTP

Previous:

8.6 The Committee shall, from its ranks, elect a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, together with such other office bearers as the Committee may from time to time deem fit. The Committee shall also have the power to co-opt any member to the Committee to fill a vacancy created by the departure, for any reason, of a Committee member, and who shall serve on the Committee for such period as the Committee may require, or until the next Annual General Meeting, whichever is the earlier.

Proposed:

Any questions?

Accepted?

Proposer: Seconder: 8.6 The Committee shall, from its ranks, elect a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, together with such other office bearers as the Committee may from time to time deem fit. The committee shall be authorised after its election into office to co-opt a maximum of three (3) additional members for a specific portfolio, who shall have full voting rights at committee meetings. These members shall be co-opted should the committee members deem it necessary for furthering the objectives of FOTP.



Proposed additions to the FOTP constitution:

(8) Management of FOTP

Proposed:

- 8.15 Termination of membership to the committee shall take place in the following instances:
 - a. When a member is absent from three (3) consecutive committee meetings without satisfactory explanation being given prior to the meeting;
 - b. On the death of a member or when a member is unable to continue in office by reason of mental defect or physical condition; or
 - c. A member may resign from the committee by giving the Chairperson notice.

Any questions?

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:



Proposed additions to the FOTP constitution:

(8) Management of FOTP

Proposed:

8.16 Subcommittees may be associated with a portfolio within the Friends of Tokai Park committee. The subcommittee should be led by a member of the Friends of Tokai Park committee, but members do not need to be committee members. This is a mechanism designed to encourage wider participation in our affairs through creating greater autonomy within the organisation.

Any questions?

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:

7. Matters Arising



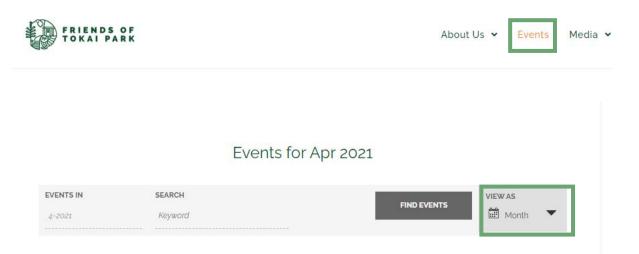
Are there any matters that participants would like to raise?

8. Save the date: upcoming FOTP events



We have some exciting upcoming events: Hacks





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8. Save the date: upcoming FOTP events



We have some exciting upcoming events: Walks



Night Walk

Tokai Park also has a thriving faunal community, and when best to explore it than at night? Some of the fauna seen on previous night walks at Tokai Park included pygmy mice, chameleons, scorpions (*Parabuthus capensis*, *Uroplectes lineatus* and *Opistophthalmus capensis*), snakes (mole snakes and slug eaters), frogs and toads, spiders and insects galore, and the occasional bat.



Mushroom Walk

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we are planning a mushroom walk for autumn. We have managed to secure a fungi expert as a lead, and we are looking at late March or early April for the walk. The exact date will depend on how the season progresses, and when looks best to see a diversity of fungi. We will send out an invitation to join this walk in due course, so watch this space:)



Part 2: Guest Talk

9. Guest Talk & Questions



Restoring wild wisdom. Reclaiming the narrative of wild bees.

Jenny Cullinan

"I will be focusing on wild honeybees as they are the most misunderstood of all bees. Most people know honeybees through the agricultural narrative. Our research of wild bees has taught us about their incredibly complex and interconnected lives. I would like to reveal this not often seen world.

Diversity is key to a healthy life for all and a monolithic approach to bees and nature will lead to its demise and ours."



www.ujubee.com

10. Thank you and closing





- 1. Tokai Park has exceptional biodiversity -over 450 indigenous plant species alone
 - 2. Some of these species' continued existence depends on Tokai Park
 - 3. Your money goes directly to conservation efforts (no one draws a salary)

Donate and make a difference to halting biodiversity extinctions in 2021 in one of the world's most biodiverse cities.

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